

REMARKS

[0001] Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. Claims 1-4, 8-12, 14-17, 19-21, 23, 26-29 and 35 are presently pending. Claims 1, 3, 8-9, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 and 29 are amended herein. Claims 6-7, 13 and 24-25 are canceled herein. New claim 35 is added herein.

Claim Amendments and Additions

[0002] Without conceding the propriety of the rejections herein and in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant amends claims 1, 3, 8-9, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 and 29 herein. Applicant amends claims to correct antecedent basis, expedite prosecution and highlight claimed features the Examiner has indicated as allowable. Such amendments should not be construed as further limiting the claimed invention in response to the cited references.

[0003] Furthermore, Applicant adds new claim 35 herein, which is directed towards the imager as illustrated in Figure 2. New claim 35 encompasses claim elements similar to the elements in claim 1 which were indicated allowable by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 35 is allowable over the cited references at least for similar reasons as claim 1.

Substantive Matters

Claim Rejections under § 112 1ST ¶

[0004] Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st ¶. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Furthermore, in light of the cancellation of claim 13, Applicant asks the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

Claim Rejections under § 103

[0005] Claims 1-4, 6, 9-12, 14-17, 19-21, 23, 24 and 26-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. In light of the amendments presented herein, Applicant submits that these rejections are moot. Accordingly, Applicant asks the Examiner to withdraw these rejections.

[0006] The Examiner has objected to claims 7, 8 and 25 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicates the elements of these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the elements of the base claim and any intervening claims.

[0007] Accordingly, Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to incorporate the claimed subject matter of claims 6 and 7 and independent claim 19 to incorporate the subject matter of claims 24 and 25. Thus, Applicant submits that, as recognized by the Office, the cited references: US 5,268,687 to Peled et al., US 2002/0093258 to Brown et al., US 2003/0033112 to Vogler et al., US 2002/0167584 to Zelenka, and US 2003/0234856 to Jin, alone or in combination do not teach or disclose the elements as recited in independent claims 1 and 19, as amended. Applicant further submits that new

claim 35 is allowable over the cited references at least for similar reasons as claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant asks the Examiner to withdraw the rejections of all pending claims.

Dependent Claims

[0008] In addition to its own merits, each dependent claim is allowable for at least the same reasons that its base claim is allowable. Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of each dependent claim where its base claim is allowable.

Conclusion

[0009] All pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the **Examiner is urged to contact me before issuing a subsequent Action.** Please call or email me at your convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,

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